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Dear Friends,

The very thought of cell phone use on airplanes sends shivers of horror up my spine. It is quite bad enough to have to listen to people gabbing nonstop on the street, but at least on the street you can cross to the other side of the road. The idea of having to spend hours stuck on a plane with a cell phone user who has not one bit of understanding of how unpleasant it is to be forced to listen to a conversation that the cell phone user is involved with is an abomination. I am reminded of a story that I read about some time ago about an individual on a train who would not stop bellowing into a cell phone from the time that the individual boarded the train until the operator of the train requested that the person get off the train. Which event took place after about at least twelve hours after many attempts by train personnel to get the individual to end the conversation and thus stop causing discomfort to the for train passengers. In that situation it was possible to stop the train at the most convenient station to effect the disembarkation of the passenger. This is not going to be possible on board a plane.

In addition to the unpleasantness having to listen, without the option of escape, to someone's conversation it must be added that air travel is quite stressful enough now. The long lines through security, the cramped quarters on most planes today, the excessive fees that so many airlines are now charging, the lack of available seating space on flights all these and more have produced what I have heard described as episodes of air rage waiting to happen. There have been so many stories already of people flipping out on board planes from the accumulated pressures of flying today that it

is my belief that cell phone use on board planes will be the cause of many more such episodes

There is also this question that comes to mind. It has been shown that people on cells phones tend to be so wrapped in their conversations that they tend to be unaware of what is going on around them. And what if there is a need for the cabin crew to get the attention of a cell phone user totally engrossed in a personal conversation.

For all of these reasons I believe that it would be a terrible idea to allow cell phone use on plains. And I hope that the commission will not take any steps that would result in allowing cell phone use on board airlines.

Yours

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